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Sir:

Before calculation of the filing fee, please amend the referenced application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

- 3. (Amended) The eukaryotic cell of claim 1 [or 2] wherein the chimeric receptor is a multimeric or multimerizing receptor.
- 4. (Amended) The eukaryotic cell of claim 1, [claim 2, or claim 3,] wherein said second recombinant gene is functionally incorporated after a constitutive promoter.
- 5. (Amended) The eukaryotic cell of [any one of claims 1 through 4]<u>claim 1</u> wherein said reporter system is activated as a result of a ligand binding to said chimeric receptor.